

MISSOURI FINANCES.

Some Interesting Figures from the State Auditor's Annual Report.

The biennial report of State Auditor James M. Seibert is out of the hands of the public printer and is ready for distribution to the members of the Thirty eighth general assembly and to the public. This is the most important of all state papers, and it is a complete financial exhibit of the workings of the state government.

The subject of criminal costs is discussed and attention is called to the fact that the unpaid bills of 1894, now on file in his office, amount to \$117,426.50, which, with the \$525,000 estimated for payment of bills in 1895-96, make a total of \$642,426.50 to be provided for by this legislature. This item of public expenditure, Mr. Seibert says, has been about equal to 10c per capita of the population during the past fifty years, and suggests, very pointedly, that if the law were so amended as to bring about the more speedy trial of persons charged with crime, limiting continuances and changes of venue, the effect would be a very material reduction of this expenditure. He does not believe that the fees of the officers charged with the enforcement of the criminal code can be safely reduced, since they are already lower than are allowed for similar services in civil cases.

The balance in the treasury on Jan. 1, 1893, was \$562,277.48, the receipts from all sources into all funds in 1893-94 were \$6,938,356.14, the disbursements for all purposes, \$6,780,908.19, and the balance on January 1, 1895, was \$719,725.43. It is worthy of notice that only \$5,543,955.84 of the \$6,938,356.14 came in from collectors of the revenue for taxes and licenses, and that the balance of \$1,394,400.30 was derived from foreign insurance companies, incorporation tax, interest on state deposits, earnings of the convicts in the penitentiary, and from moneys collected by the treasurers of the eleemosynary institutions, etc.

The receipts into the revenue fund in 1893-94 were \$4,034,681.46, and the disbursements were as follows:

Expenses, state gov. 1893.....\$1,357,617 91
Expenses, state gov. 1894.....1,095,283 41
Support of pub. schools, '93.....610,902 30
Support of pub. schools, '94.....617,077 75
Partial sup. penitentiary, '93.....1,217 58
Eleemosynary institutions, 1893.....164,210 38
Eleemosynary institutions, 1894.....159,837 50

The state interest fund received \$1,955,868.64, which was used as follows:

Interest on bonded debt.....\$513,075 54
Interest on school and seminary certificates.....550,799 64
Transfer to sinking fund.....89,998 46
The disbursements from the sinking fund were for purchase of \$36,000 of unmatured 6 per cent. bonds, redemption of \$214,000 of 3 1/2 per cent. option bonds, and the payment at maturity of \$414,000 of 6 per cent. bonds.

The state debt on the 1st inst. is given as follows:

Six per cent. bonds.....\$ 930,000 00
Three and one-half per cent option bonds.....5,088,000 00
School certificates.....3,140,000 00
Seminary certificates.....1,798,958 23

Total.....\$10,956,958 23

In 1894 the sum of \$6,424,885.85 was expended for support of the public schools, derived from the following sources:

Interest on capital school funds \$517,651 27
State school moneys.....797,176 26
Direct taxes in districts.....4,538,999 99

In 1894 the 5,257 dramshops in the state yielded the following license tax:

For the state.....\$ 312,748 91
For the counties.....3,728,576 64
For cities and towns.....457,084 50

The bonded debt of the municipal governments on July 1, 1894, was as follows:

Counties.....\$ 9,231,116 00
Townships.....2,923,600 00
Cities.....25,420,034 55
Total.....\$37,575,350 55

Add state bonded debt.....6,016,000 00
State certificates.....4,338,958 23

Total bonded debt.....\$47,930,208 78

It appears that the total amount of taxes and licenses collected from the people of the state, as shown by the annual settlement of the collectors in March, 1894, was as follows:

State taxes.....\$2,005,633 05
County revenue.....8,858,806 47
Roads and bridges.....332,869 05
Township roads and bridges.....85,925 47
Township taxes.....212,061 67
Interest on local bonds.....513,305 11
Payment of bonds.....448,702 15
School taxes.....4,396,979 61

Total.....\$16,889,251 58
Auditor Seibert, in commenting on this last mentioned table, says in his

report: "I am decidedly of the opinion that the amount of state and municipal taxes now collected from the people is ample for public uses and should not, under any circumstances, be increased. It is needless to say this can only be accomplished by limiting the expenditures to the present revenues. Our taxable wealth is steadily increasing, and, when possible, the rate of levy should be cut down."

Probate Court Docket.

February, 1895, Term.

First Day, February, 11th.

ESTATE: Ashby, Adress E. Alley, Geo N. Brill, Jno H. Brockman, J E & E. Bell, G W. Bowersmith, Lee Bohrer, Geo. Borkin, Patrick Coleman, J J. Dewey, L D. Ellington, J B. Fidler, Jno F. Finch, C W. Fleming, E. France, A C. Gebhardt & Kothe, Johnson, Sam'l. Keen, P C. Kellogg, D B. Leber, Wm. Mayer, G F. Moore, G W.

Second Day, February, 12th.

Mayer, D A. Matthews, S. Packwood, Alice Parks, N B. Robinson, Mary A. Ross, Clayton Robinson & Wayland, Staples, J D. Smith, J K. Summers, S A. Sweeney, H. Smart, H M. Schmitt, Peter. Wm. Smith & Plummer, Scott & Parks, Trent, J W. Thacker, J H. Vaughan, R L. Ward, Wm. Westlake, J W. Warren, W H. Wheeler, E M. Wayland & Parks.

Third Day, February, 13th.

WARDS: Adams, A S. Adams, J W. Adams, W G. Adams, D J. Adams, G C. Adams, L. Allega, Mary. Allega, Deika. Burns, J. Burns, D. Burns, Patrick. Botta, Jno. Brandt, L T. Brandt, F W. Brandt, C J. Cram, Maude. Cram, Mabel. Courtney, F. Courtney, Lee. Cross, Anne E. Cuddy, T W. Chapman, W M. Chapman, J J. Chapman, S L. Chapman, E I. Chapman, J W. Chapman, E L. Duncan, W. Elliott, F L. Fidler, J L. Fidler, L M. Fidler, E M. Fidler, W F. Fidler, O M. Griesham, W. Griesham, D. Hyde, A S. Hyde, Annie. Hyde, M. Hyde, C. Hyde, G. Ingram, M D. Ingram, W P. Jones, Ida A. Jackson, L M. Jackson, M G. Kendrick, M E. Kendrick, C J. Kennedy, Allene. Kaneer, Alex. Loomis, L. Loomis, O. McGill, J. McGill, R. Miller, M.

Fourth Day, February, 14th.

Miller, L. McHague, Geo W. Martin, Jno. McDaniel, M. McDaniel, T. McDaniel, A. McDaniel, E. Noldge, Nora. Post, W B. Post, W L. Post, A B. Pankay, E T. Penick, H E. Penick, L M. Pankey, M D. Ray, N E. Ray, Amanda. Reid, Vinnie. Ramsey, J W. Ramsey, W T. Ramsey, A E. Rile, E. Rile, A. Rile, M.

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Wasson, N. Wasson, A. Wasson, T. Wasson, L. White, C R. White, R H. White, Eugene. Williams, W. Williams, C. Williams, O. Young, Pearl. Young, A. Zueri, J. Zueri, A. T E Mackay, Probate Clerk.

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Then it became an earnest rapping,
At our sanctum door.

"Come in?" we said; while yet he pondered,
And in silence we still wondered
What for us could be in store;
Then the door bolt gently turning
In he walked. Our cheek was burning!
Thoughts of crimson gore.

"Are you the man that does the writing?"
(What word will rhyme with this bat fighting?)
Quickly thought we o'er and o'er.)
"Sir, we are," we gently told him,
Nodding to the boys to hold him,
If he tried to beat us sore.

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Opposite that little debit,
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We jumped! He dodged! Thus we missed him,
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